PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-identified applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2001, to expire December 13, 2001. A check is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for a three-month extension.

Please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 19-5029. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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